

dining scene and their revitalization of the rustic storefront they occupy have been recognized at the State level as well, with the Iowa Economic Authority awarding the restaurant as the 2019 “Superior Interior Rehabilitation” winners as part of their “Main Street Iowa Awards.” In addition to major publications, various food and dining blogs list Primrose as a “must-see” restaurant due to their commitment to their ever-changing menu and farm-to-table experience.

One of the many beautiful things about Iowa is our commitment to helping each other when times get tough. In 2020, when the world was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Primrose went above and beyond by providing their quality meals to local students who could no longer rely on school to provide their lunches.

Owning a small business truly is the American dream, and the great State of Iowa is fortunate to have Primrose Restaurant call the Hawkeye State home. By taking the time to provide locally sourced ingredients, amazing service, and world-class dining in a small town, Primrose is a prime example of what makes small businesses great. I want to congratulate the entire team at Primrose Restaurant for their continued commitment to culinary excellence in their work. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Sacramento Regional Transit District on 50 years of service, helping Californians commute to work, visit loved ones, and explore the beautiful county of Sacramento.

Since first providing service in 1973, Sacramento Regional Transit, or SacRT, has grown to include over 97 electric light rail vehicles and over 230 buses, traversing 440 square miles to include the cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Folsom, Citrus Heights, and Rancho Cordova.

Throughout that time, SacRT has been committed to finding new ways to serve Californians, by spearheading an on-demand microtransit service accessible via mobile app, and by converting 10 buses into WiFi hotspots during the height of the pandemic when internet access was a necessity for school, work, and public health.

By providing free fares for K-12 students, SacRT has helped countless students pursue their education without having to worry about affording a ride to school. During a time of unprecedented weather events in California, SacRT also partnered with the city of Sacramento to provide free bus rides to warming centers for individuals experiencing homelessness.

SacRT has fought to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gases. Their leadership in renewable energy, accessibility, and service have been rightly

recognized by both State and Federal agencies.

In the capital of the fourth largest economy in the world, SacRT is an integral part of the community, constantly finding ways to better serve the people of Sacramento who rely on it for affordable transit. After 50 years of service, Californians know SacRT can get you “where you want to go, when you want to go.” And we are excited to see where the next 50 years will take us.●

REMEMBERING RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, on April 2, we recognize the life and leadership of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, a global spiritual leader known universally as the Rebbe and head of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement.

The Rebbe was born in 1902 and lived through the darkest periods of history, the evils of Russian communism and the horrors of Nazi Germany. In 1941, the Rebbe and his wife Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka arrived safely on the shores of the United States. He volunteered at the Brooklyn Navy Yard using his engineering skills to assist our Nation during World War II and worked tirelessly to rebuild and guide after the Holocaust.

During those difficult years, the Rebbe established a program that arranged for rabbinical students to travel across the country to visit Jewish farmers, U.S. servicemembers, and others isolated from their families or communities. This included locations such as the 335th Army Air Force Base Unit in Sioux Falls, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and communities across South Dakota. This program still exists today, and these rabbinical students sent by the Rebbe are often the only connection many local Jews have with their faith.

Under the Rebbe's leadership, the Chabad-Lubavitch movement has become the world's largest Jewish educational organization with more than 3,500 permanent centers in all 50 States, including in my home State of South Dakota, and in 109 countries around the world. It is thanks to the Rebbe's vision that our State has its first rabbi in almost 40 years with the establishment of the Chabad Jewish Center of South Dakota.

The Rebbe extolled America's unique role as a superpower and had meaningful relationships with several of our Nation's leaders who saw him as the moral guide of so many. For the Rebbe, America was a beacon of light of historic proportions to be utilized in influencing the moral betterment of all humanity. He urged us all to become ambassadors for goodness and kindness and explained that education must not be limited to the tools needed for making a good living, but rather focus on the ethics, morals, and values that have always been the basis of any decent society.

For more than four decades, every U.S. President has declared the annual observance of Education and Sharing Day in honor of the anniversary of the Rebbe's birth, in recognition of his contributions to the betterment of education for all people. In 1995, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for his contributions toward education, morality, and acts of charity.

Education and Sharing Day represents an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on the Rebbe's vision and leadership and to embrace his teachings that starting with moral education, we each do our part to increase in goodness and kindness.●

RECOGNIZING FLORIDA BLUE KEY

● Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, today I recognize Florida Blue Key and the celebration of their centennial anniversary. One hundred years ago in 1923, Florida Blue Key was founded at the University of Florida to foster leadership and service. Since that time, Florida Blue Key members have served their State and our country at every level of government, including here in the U.S. Senate. I had the honor of being inducted into Florida Blue Key in 2014 and was preceded in this body by fellow Members, including Lawton Chiles, Bob Graham, Connie Mack, Bill Nelson, MARCO RUBIO, and George Smathers. Today, Florida Blue Key serves as the oldest leadership honorary in the Sunshine State and continues to graduate its membership into law, medicine, business, and government. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Florida Blue Key and wish them continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and two withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolutions:

H.J. Res. 7. Joint Resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020.